

August 2016 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

REAL ESTATE PRIMER WITH TIM STEELE

6pm-7pm
August 23rd
SPUR San Jose
76 S. 1st Street

SIREN'S CITIZEN APPLICATION WORKSHOP

September 10th
Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM
Hillview Branch Library
1600 Hopkins Drive

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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district5@sanjoseca.gov*

Dear Neighbor,

School is revving back into session and kids are starting to trickle back into schools across San Jose. I hope everyone can squeeze in a few more exciting days of summer before heading back to school.

With this shift back to "school mode", City Hall has returned from break and my office has lots of up-coming events and resources.

I am most excited about the beginning of our East San José [community participatory budgeting](#). In this year's budget, I set aside \$100,000 for the community to come together and decide how it should be spent. In order to ensure that we are engaging the community in a meaningful way, this process starts this month and will take us into next year.

So, [please join me](#) at our first introductory meeting, Monday, August 29th at 6 PM at PAL Stadium on 680 S 34th St, to learn more about what other communities have done with participatory budgeting, how it will work for our community, and how you, your family, your neighbors, and everyone who lives in District 5 can speak up, vote, and decide on what they want to see in their community.

[BLOOD DRIVE](#)

Donate blood by August 31, 2016 for a chance to win a 2016 Toyota Prius!

[OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY](#)

monthly outdoor activities

[Folklorico Dance Classes](#)

Wednesdays 6 PM - 8 PM
Fridays 5 PM - 7 PM
Hillview Branch Library
1600 Hopkins Drive

[AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY](#)

Tuesday Nights
Fall 2016

Baltazar's Business Corner

Grandview Restaurant



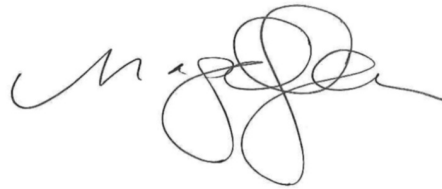
Located in the East Hills of San Jose, the Grandview Restaurant has one of the best views in the South Bay. My staffer brought a friend there for a birthday just in time for sunset. "The sunset began just as the food arrived, allowing us to take a moment to admire the beauty of the South Bay. Shortly afterwards, we saw a marriage proposal take place below the balcony of the restaurant." The Grandview is a great option if you're looking to celebrate something special in the South Bay and it happens to be in East San José!

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We also have:

- An update on how our incredible [National Night Out](#) at Emma Prusch Park went
- A chance for you to weigh in on the safety of our streets with the [Vision Zero](#) survey
- the final few days and locations of [Viva Parks](#)
- A shout out to the [Youth Connections Foundation](#) for donating to help low-income students participate in City programs, and
- A run down on a whole variety of awesome programs at [Hillview Library](#).

Have a great rest of the Summer, and a good transition back to school!



Councilmember/*Consejal*,
Magdalena Carrasco

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A SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

I wanted to say thank you to everyone who took part in our office's 2nd National Night Out (NNO) on August 2. More than 3,000 people attended our event at Emma Prusch Park, making it the largest NNO in the City!

While these numbers are impressive, the purpose of NNO is to help the community get to know one another and to improve their relationship with the public safety officers who help protect us everyday.



A great moment out of all the festivities, giveaways, music, food, and our resource fair was watching a group of San Jose police officers start a pickup football game with the kids running around the park. Not only did everyone have a good time, but the kids gave the officers a run

for their money!

Other highlights of the event were:

- 750 backpacks with school supplies my office gave away (with the generous support of Target) to help get kids ready for the coming school year;
- seeing our Evergreen/San José East Rotary cooking 1,000 free meals for families attending the event;
- the more than 30 community, non-profit, and business organizations who participated in our resource fair;
- the 7 dance, music, and magic performers who entertained the attendees;
- the Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services staff at Emma Prusch and Mayfair who helped make everything run smoothly; and
- the NNO Planning Committee members who helped plan and put together the event this year.

This event brought together so many new people and organizations. A huge thank you to Food Maxx, Target, Bacalhua Grill, the San Jose Earthquakes, City Ventures, Lyft, and many others for helping support this event through their generous in-kind and financial sponsorship.



VISION ZERO

The City of San José adopted a program to have zero traffic-related deaths and severe injuries by 2050. This initiative is called [Vision Zero](#).

In East San José this means more projects like the White Road bike lanes from Penitencia Creek Rd to Cunningham Ave, the installation of 19,000 LED lights to improved nighttime visibility in areas with the highest rates of traffic crashes, and putting an additional \$5 million into the Walk and Roll SJ program to encourage kids to walk to school while staying safe.

To make sure that the City is prioritizing the areas that are affecting *your daily life most*, here is a link to a brief community survey in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Vietnamese](#). The survey will close on Saturday September 18th, 2016, so make sure to vote by then!



VIVA PARKS HEADS INTO FINAL MONTH

Viva Parks is heading into the home stretch. If you have not had a chance to check it out I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the dwindling days of this awesome Summer program.

All Viva Parks events are from 6:00 - 8:30 PM and the final five days of Viva Parks in East San José are:

Tuesday August 16th at Capitol Park (*Movie Night*)
Thursday August 18th at Plata Arroyo Park

Tuesday August 23rd at Capitol Park

Tuesday August 30th at Mt. Pleasant Park
Thursday September 1st at Emma Prusch Farm Park



YOUTH CONNECTIONS FOUNDATION GIVES \$20,000 TO SAN JOSÉ TO CONTINUE TRANSFORMING TEEN'S LIVES

It is rare for an organization to come to San Jos to give us money, but that is just what the Youth Connections Foundation did last week.

They handed over a check for \$20,000 to the City's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Department to continue supporting the Digital Arts and Fit Summer Camp and to help promote Viva Calle.



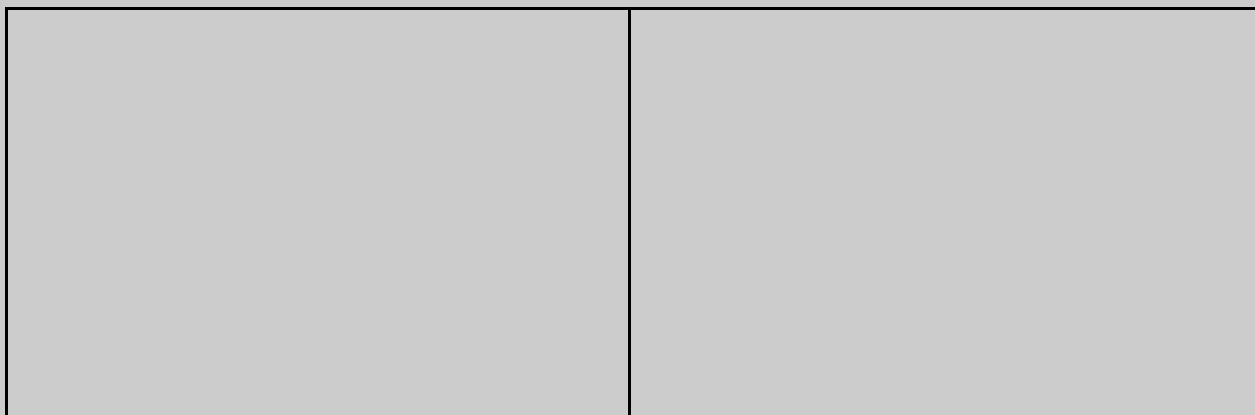
This is the 4th year in a row that the non-profit has donated \$10,000 to help pay the registration fee for teens and children from low-income families for the PRNS programs. This year they added \$10,000 more to help make Viva Calle even bigger and better when it returns next month.

Jane Kovac spoke at the press conference announcing the donation. She spoke about how the Digital Arts program helped her discover her passion for music production, and after 3 years in the program, she graduated early from high school. She is now enrolled at De Anza College at the age of 16.

Tushita Gupta, also in the Digital Arts Program, used the skills and portfolio she created in the program to get into the Clive Davis Institute of Music at NYU. She begins her sophomore year this fall after a summer spent as a peer mentor to youth participants in the program.

YCF has a great opportunity coming up next Friday, August 19, to help support their amazing mission and the amazing work they do for all youth. Their annual Comedy Show for Kids fundraiser will be at the SAP Center starting at 6 PM.

We want to thank the Youth Connections Foundation for their financial assistance for our families, and the PRNS staff for their dedication and amazing programming for helping to engage our youth and awaken a love of arts in them!





Tushita Gupta



Jane Kovac

POP UP PRESCHOOL AND OTHER GREAT PROGRAMS AT HILLVIEW LIBRARY

How do you know your child or grandchild's excited about learning? He sets out his clothes the night before and tells you not too much TV!

The YMCA of San Jose is hosting a program at the Hillview Library providing free preschool programs for young children of low-income families. After two weeks, the program is already full and has a waiting list. But if you want to have your children attend, the program begins again in the week of September 5.

To sign up, go to the library and ask to register for the YMCA program at the front desk. One registration form will also sign your children up for other pop up preschool programs in the area.

Hillview also have events and programs for the whole family:

- For children 0 - 7 years old - [Bilingual Story Time and Stay and Play](#), Tuesdays 11 AM - 12 PM
- For children of all ages - [Arts & Crafts](#) Mondays at 3 PM
- For families - Family Storytime, Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:30 PM
- For dance enthusiasts of all ages - [Folkloric Dance Classes](#), Wednesdays 6 - 8 PM
- For women - [Tiempo para mi](#) program, Thursdays 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- For adults wanting to learn English - [ESL Conversation Club](#), Saturdays 11 am - 12 pm
- For those wanting to get their U.S citizenship - [Citizenship Classes](#), Saturdays 12 - 2 PM



EVANS LANE DEVELOPMENT MEETING

A proposal for housing for homeless people near Evans Lane will be coming before Council this Tuesday, August 19th. Council will decide whether to approve the site for short-term or permanent housing for people in our community who are homeless and whether to have apartments at market rate mixed in with affordable housing and housing for the homeless. Given that amount of attention this item has received, we expect a long discussion on Tuesday night.

LARGE ITEM PICK UPS EXPANDED

The [Large Item Pick Ups](#) program has been expanded and on July 1, 2016, the first **two large item collections are free** each year. Each collection includes up to three large items. Additional large item collections are available for \$27.23 (up to three items).

BREAST FEEDING AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know that Lactation Accommodation is required by both State and Federal laws so that a reasonable amount of break time and a clean, private location to pump breast milk is available for women?

The Santa Clara County Mother Friendly Employer Recognition Program is based on these laws and policies. We want to help employers with this important accomplishment. [here](#).

To become a Mother Friendly Employer Designated business, simply fill out the program application [here](#).

If your business has questions about Lactation Accommodation or needs help in developing a Lactation Accommodation Policy, please [email](#) Karen Foster or call 408-937-2262.

INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY'S VOICE. JOIN CREATV

CreaTV San Jose, the membership-based, non-profit community media center that manages the public access and education TV and Internet channels for the City of San Jose, is having a Membership Drive.

Become a member by September 30, 2016, and be entered to win an iPad or a GoPro, plus other cool prizes including admission tickets to local attractions, movie and theater tickets, and much more!

There are many benefits of CreaTV membership: free airtime, access to low-cost, state-of-the-art gear, facilities, computers and software, invitations to special events and much more!

Membership also helps to support the entire spectrum of our community outreach programs and services, which are helping to grow a diverse community of digital storytellers. A WIN-WIN for building a better San Jose.

Join or renew online [here](#).

If you have questions [email](#) Pam Kelly or call (408) 295-8815 ext. 307.

UNLEASH YOUR GEEK

Currently, it can cost up to \$60,000 every time we clean the graffiti, and vandals replace graffiti the week after the city cleans it up.

In response to this, the City of San Jose, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Microsoft, Caltrans and ProspectSV have teamed up to challenge the Bay Area with this problem.

We want ideas that provide a tangible solution. We're open to robots, new paints, nonstick surfaces, and anything else that could solve the problem in a way that saves money and keeps our workers safe.

Prizes include \$25,000, patenting assistance from USPTO, beta testing with CalTrans and also incubator space and co-curricular program provided by Prospect Silicon Valley.

Phase 1 is simple, by September 30 submit your idea and include drawings and any other relevant information to the challenge website.

Phase 2 is the prototyping phase; it will last from October 31st until May of next year.

If you are selected to be one of the top four teams, you will be awarded money that you can use to prototype and bring your idea to life.

For more information visit the challenge website [here](#) or [email](#) Andrew Hernandez



Community Education partnership between San
Jose City College & African American Community
Service Agency beginning Fall 2016

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

Fall 2016
Tuesday evenings
6-9:05pm

304 N. 6th St.
San Jose, CA 95112

*Want to improve your cultural competency?
Interested in learning about the history and
experiences of African Americans?
Like to become more engaged with your
local community?
Need a UC & CSU transferrable course?*

FALL 2016 SEMESTER DATES
8/29/16 to 12/15/16

For more details contact:
Dr. Khalid White (Professor, SJ City College)
khalid.white@sjcc.edu (408) 298-2181 x3050
Or
AACSA (408) 292-3157 info@sjaacsa.org



*"Without Education, you're not
going anywhere in this world."
— Malcolm X*



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CITY COLLEGE

SAVE-THE-DATE

LEARN HOW YOU CAN VOTE TO
SPEND \$100,000 FOR EAST SAN JOSÉ!
EXAMPLES OF WHAT OTHERS HAVE VOTED ON:



MONDAY AUGUST 29, 6 PM



For more details: district5@sanjoseca.gov; 408-535-4905





**KEEP THE
SPIRIT
OF '45
ALIVE!**

Photo by Stephanie Smith

JOIN US!

75TH

ANNIVERSARY

1941-2016

August 12th, Friday

1940s Dance Party | 7:00 pm-10:00 pm

History Park 635 Phelan Ave., San Jose, CA

Dance under the lights at History Park to the hits of the Big Band era, featuring The Swing Solution. Food! Period attire encouraged.

Event Fundraiser! Admission \$10, FREE Parking

August 13th, Saturday

Living History Day | 12noon-5:00 pm

History Park 635 Phelan Ave., San Jose, CA

Live 1940s Big Band music, swing dancing, fashion show, 1940s hair and make-up, Victory Parade, civilian and military vehicles, 75th Anniversary Exhibit on Flying Tigers, tent city with interactive signal corps tent, kids activities, food and more! **SPECIAL GUESTS:** Pearl Harbor Survivors

Admission \$5, City Parking \$6



More info: www.facebook.com/bayareaspiritof45 | 408-918-1042





Bilingual Spanish-English Story Time And Stay & Play

Bring your whole family out to enjoy stories, songs and movement activities that support early literacy development and help foster a love of books and reading. For children 0-7 and their parents and caregivers. This program includes stories and songs in Spanish.

During Stay & Play, parents and children are invited to stay and get acquainted after story time. We will put out toys for the children to play with while the adults chat.

TUESDAYS

11:00am-12:00pm

Hillview
Branch Library
Children's Area
1600 Hopkins Drive
San José, CA 95122
(408) 808-3033



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FOLKLORICO GROUP ALIKA DEL NAYAR

FOLKLORICO DANCE CLASSES

The ballet folklórico group, Alika del Nayar, invite the public to participate in FREE classes to learn different types of dances from various regions in México. Join us to learn more about the history, traditions and culture of México. This program is for all ages.

WEDNESDAYS
6:00PM-8:00PM

FRIDAYS
5:00PM-7:00PM
COMMUNITY ROOM

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Citizenship Class CLASE DE CIUDADANIA

Learn English phrases, Civics, U.S History and Government while practicing for your citizenship interview. If your citizenship interview is coming up, this is your opportunity to practice with our volunteer. During the mock citizenship interviews, our volunteer will simulate the interview and help prepare you for the actual test!

Saturdays

12:00pm-2:00pm

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TIEMPO PARA MI GRUPO PARA MUJERES

¡Venga y acompáñenos para este nuevo programa! Este es un grupo en español para mujeres para que aprendan acerca de los programas y recursos que ofrecemos en las Bibliotecas Públicas de San José y también para buscar apoyo y amistad con otros miembros en la comunidad. En este grupo vamos a tener presentaciones con expertos para informarnos sobre temas importantes. También nos enfocáramos en aprender técnicas que podamos utilizar para mejorar nuestra calidad de vida.

****Pueden traer sus niños también - Tendremos juguetes y libros para ellos.***

**Cada Jueves
11:30am-12:30pm**

Family Learning Center

Hillview Branch Library

1600 Hopkins Drive
San José, CA 95122
(408)808-3033





Arts & Craft Mondays

Please join us each Monday to make some fun crafts and make some new friends.

Acompáñenos cada Lunes para hacer manualidades divertidas y hacer nuevos amigos.

**MONDAYS/
Cada Lunes**
3:00pm

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ESL Conversation Club

**Saturdays
11am – 12pm**



Practice English in a relaxing
and fun environment.
Everyone is welcome!

Join us in Study Room B.

To request an accommodation or alternative format for City-sponsored meetings, events or printed materials, please call 408-808-3033 or 408-808-2083 (TTY) as soon as possible, but at least three business days before the meeting/event.

Para solicitar adaptación de espacio para una reunión o evento patrocinado por la Ciudad o un formato diferente para material escrito, favor de llamar al 408-808-3033 o 408-808-2083 (TTY) lo más pronto posible, por lo menos tres días laborales s de la reunión/evento.

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Are you ready to become a US Citizen? If you are, come take the next step to become an American Citizen at our **FREE workshops**. You will:

- Learn about the requirements and process to become a US citizen
- If eligible, get help completing your naturalization application
- If eligible, get help requesting a fee waiver
- Receive information regarding English and Citizenship classes
- Receive study materials to prepare for the citizenship exam

Service available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 10

10:00am-5:00pm

Community Room

Hillview Branch Library

1600 Hopkins Dr.

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